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**AMENDMENT**

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 13, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 13, 2003, and extended herein by one (1) month to December 13, 2003. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light of the following arguments.